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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: MARR, JA  
SUBJECT: NIKON KEIZAI ARTICLE ON JDA DIRGEN MIHARA'S FORTHCOMING  
VISIT TO WASHINGTON

1. IN LEAD ARTICLE AUGUST 5 NIHON KEIZAI REPORTED THAT ACCORDING TO JDA SOURCES SECDEF PRESENTED FIVE REQUESTS TO GOJ LEADERS DURING VISIT LAST WEEK: IMPROVEMENT OF JAPANESE ASW CAPABILITY; IMPROVEMENT OF AIR DEFENSE CAPABILITY; IMPROVEMENT OF LOGISTICAL AND SUPPLY SYSTEM; STRENGTHENING OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH ROK AS SUPPLEMENT TO WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. GROUND FORCES; AND INCREASED GOJ SHARE OF DEFENSE COSTS SPECIFICALLY USFJ LABOR COSTS. ARTICLE SAID SECDEF WISHED TO TAKE UP THESE MATTERS DURING MIHARA'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN SEPTEMBER.

2. FIVE-POINT REQUEST IS REGARDED BY NIHON KEIZAI AS  
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CONCRETE EXPRESSION OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S APPEAL TO PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA IN MARCH THAT JAPAN EXERT MORE POLITICAL INFLUENCE IN ASIA. ARTICLE ALSO SPECULATED THAT IN MEETING U.S. REQUESTS IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY FOR GOJ TO INCREASE DEFENSE BUDGET, IN EXCESS OF PRESENT .88 PERCENT OF GNP. ARTICLE NOTED MIHARA AND JDA LEADERS PROPOSED TO HAVE JDA ACQUIRE P-3CS IN RESPONSE TO

U.S. APPEALS AND THAT JDA HAD ALREADY BEGUN NEGOTIATIONS  
WITH OTHER MINISTERIES FOR INCLUSION OF F-15 IN JFY 78  
BUDGET.

3. ON LABOR-COST SHARING, ARTICLE NOTED THAT MIHARA  
MADE NO COMMENT BUT JDA LEADERS WERE QUOTED AS SAYING  
THAT GOJ MUST FIND SOME WAY TO RESPOND WITHIN SCOPE OF  
SOFA, AND THAT GOJ WAS CONSIDERING REQUEST FOR SOME  
SIX BILLION YEN IN JFY 78 BUDGET.

4. ARTICLE CONCLUDED THAT SECDEF ACKNOWLEDGED GOJ  
CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATIONS IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE  
TO ROK BUT URGED FULLEST POSSIBLE ECONOMIC COOPERATION  
TO STRENGTHEN ROK'S CAPABILITY FOR SELF DEFENSE.

5. COMMENT: ARTICLE IS ONE OF SEVERAL APPEARING IN  
PAST SEVERAL DAYS ON LABOR-COST SHARING, FX AND PXL.  
ALL HAVE BEEN SENSITIVE TO U.S. REQUESTS FOR QUALITA-  
TIVE IMPROVEMENTS IN JAPANESE FORCES AND FOR INCREASED  
GOJ CONTRIBUTION TO U.S. EXPENSES IN JAPAN. SIX BILLION  
YEN FIGURE HAS APPEARED SEVERAL TIMES, BOTH FROM JDA  
AND DFAA SOURCES, AND APPEARS TO BE ONE ON WHICH CON-  
SENSUS MAY POSSIBLY BE FORMING WITHIN GOJ. FLURRY OF  
ARTICLES IS ALSO OF COURSE DIRECTLY RELATED TO FACT  
THAT JFY 78 MINISTERIAL BUDGET-ESTIMATE REQUESTS MUST  
BE PUT TO BED BY END OF AUGUST.

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